

House Resolution No. 3140

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives wholeheartedly believe that a successful marriage forms a firm foundation for a lifetime of happiness and security and wish to salute an outstanding Missouri couple whose union confirms that philosophy; and

Whereas, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Bennett, cherished residents of Lebanon, Missouri, commemorated the resplendent occasion of their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary on May 1, 2004, with a festive celebration held at the Competition School House; and

Whereas, joined in marriage before the eyes of the Lord on May 5, 1954, Willie F. Bennett and Ethel L. Willhite began their lives together as husband and wife after a memorable wedding ceremony in Wright County; and

Whereas, a proud father and caring husband, Mr. Bennett provided a safe and secure future for his loved ones as a construction worker for twenty-six years and as a salesman for fifteen years, while somehow finding time for affiliation with the American Red Cross; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker, Mrs. Bennet enjoyed her family immensely and further distinguished herself as a stellar employee of the H.D. Lee Company for twenty-six years; and

Whereas, Willie and Ethel Bennett attribute their fifty years of wedded success and happiness to their strong sense of faith and family, the foundation upon which they have planted the seeds of their love and respect for each other in the generations to come which include their four children, Billy L. Bennett, Allen D. Bennett, Michael L. Bennett, and Joy Reena Bennett-Francis; and their seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild; and

Whereas, throughout their blissful union, Willie and Ethel Bennett have remained devoted life partners and have put forth a tremendous amount of effort to ensure the sanctity of the vows they took so very long ago:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in a thunderous round of applause for Willie and Ethel Bennett upon the glorious celebration of their Golden Wedding Anniversary, and in wishing them tremendous peace and contentment as they proudly continue their journey along life's path; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mr. and Mrs. Willie Bennett.

Offered by _____
Representative Randy Angst
District No. 146

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 3140, adopted May 19, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker